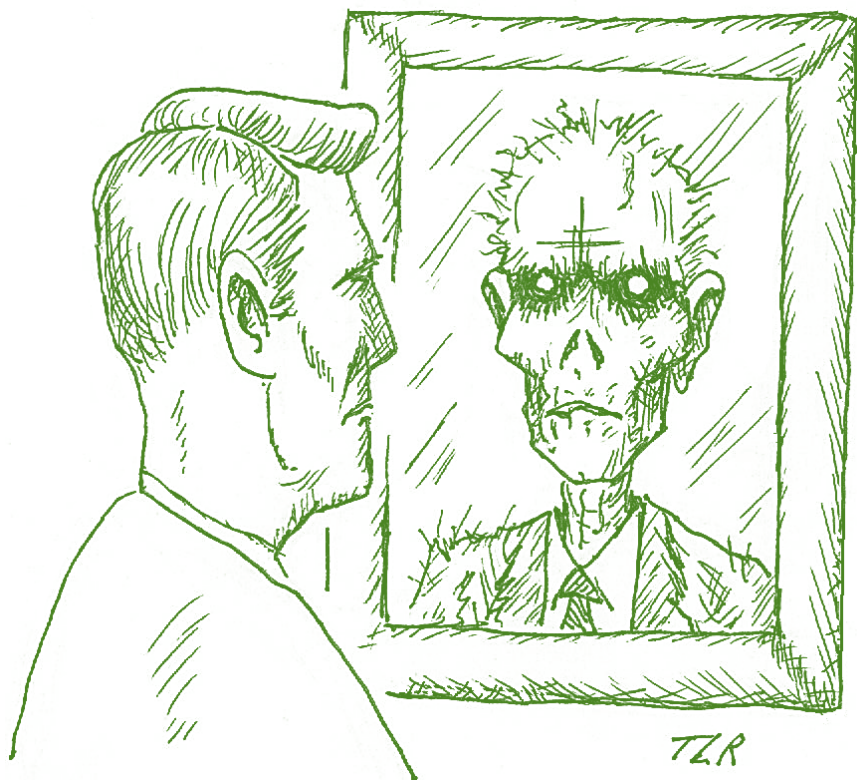


THE FOUR STATES OF MAN:
THE STATE OF
SIN



For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. — James 1:23-25 (ESV)

VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA
JANUARY 8TH, AD 2023

The LORD'S Day

The Eighth Day of January, *in the Year of our Lord 2023*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

In relation to our studies in the matter of Divine Election, we are looking at the foundational principles (*5 Solas*) of the Reformation.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *“O God our Help in Ages Past”* (#48, v. I).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *“Holy, Holy, Holy!”* (#55).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Job 14:1-4.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *“Grace Greater Than our Sin”* (#38).

Announcements.

Hymn: *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* (#28).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *“The Four States: The State of SIN.”*

Closing Hymn:* *“The Old Rugged Cross”* (#157).

Benediction.*



4 States of Human Nature

*The Congregation will please arise, if able.



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Week of Jan. 1 - Jan. 7

Sunday School—8; Midweek Prayer—4

New Year's Day Morning Worship—17

Weekly Offering (12/25/22 & 1/01/23)—\$1,281.00

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

We continue our studies in **Daniel 5** as the chilling handwriting appears upon the wall!!!



Today's Verse for Reflection:

"But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised."—1 Cor. 2:14 (NASB)

WINTER POTLUCK/CEF PRESENTATION



Members of the Armstrong-Indiana-Westmoreland Chapter of the **Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)** will be our very special









guests on **Sunday morning, Jan. 22**, sharing the nature of their work with our congregation. Afterwards, we will be enjoying a time of fellowship with our visitors with a Winter Potluck meal.

"What history does is to uncover man's universal sin...We create tragedy after tragedy for ourselves by a lazy unexamined doctrine of man which is current amongst us and which the study of history does not support."

—Herbert Butterfield, Oxford historian.

As we resume our series on the Four States of Man, the following chart is resubmitted for your edification.

“The Four States of Man”

The Four States of Man	Augustine  (354-430)	Thomas Boston  (1676-1732)	Description of State	Biblical Refs.
1. Innocence 	“Able to sin, able not to sin” <i>(posse peccare, posse non peccare).</i>	“Primitive Integrity;” The State of <u>INNOCENCE</u>	The state of man before the Fall, as God made him; an unconfirmed holiness. Righteous, but mutable.	Eccl.7:29; Gen.1:26-27, 31; Col. 3:10, Eph. 4:24 Gen. 3:6
2. Sin 	“Not able not to sin” <i>(non posse non peccare).</i>	“Entire Depravity;” The State of <u>NATURE</u>	The corrupt state of the natural man after the Fall.	Gen. 6:5, Jer. 17:9, Mt. 15:19 Titus 3:3, Rom 3:10-11, 8:7-8, Eph. 2:1-3
3. Grace 	“Able not to sin” <i>(posse non peccare).</i> [But, as the remains of the old nature also make him <i>able to sin</i> , he will]	“Begun Recovery;” The State of <u>GRACE</u>	The state of reborn, regenerated man, as created in Christ unto good works.	John 8:34-36, Col. 1:13, Rom. 6:18, 2 Cor. 5:17, Ezek. 36:26
4. Glory 	“Unable to sin” <i>(non posse peccare).</i>	Consummate Happiness: The <u>ETERNAL</u> State of the Elect. [The Lost will remain in a state of Consummate Misery.]	The state of the glorified man, as he will be in eternity [the <i>lost</i> , however, are forever confirmed in <i>sin</i>].	Rom. 8:30; 1 Cor. 15:42-44, 50-55; 1Thess. 4:13-18; Heb.12:23; 1John3:2